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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following information to the Examiner's attention:

Applicants submit herewith a copy of an International Search Report from the Australian Patent Office dated February 28, 2000, with respect to counterpart International Patent Application PCT/AU/01164, in which the Australian Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

WO 96/27,761 to LUMINIS PTY. LTD, published September 12, 1996, was cited as an "A" category document (i.e. a document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance) with respect to claims 1-32 of the corresponding Australian application. The Examiner indicated the whole document as being relevant.

AU 29,917/92 to HALDOR TOPSOE A/S, published June 10, 1993, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1-32 of the corresponding Australian application. The



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Examined indicated the whole document as being relevant.

WO 95/32,395 to WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORP., published November 30, 1995, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1-32 of the corresponding Australian application. The Examiner indicated the whole document as being relevant.

EP 849,530 to UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP., published June 24, 1998 was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1-32 of the corresponding Australian application. The Examiner indicated the whole document as being relevant.

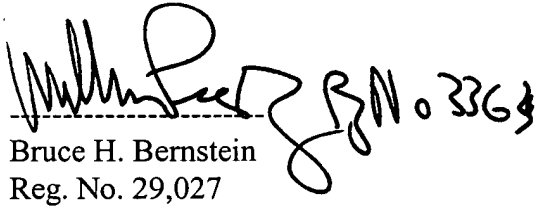
AU 28,889/77 to ISHIKAWAJIMA-HARIMA JUKOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA, published March 22, 1979 was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1-32 of the corresponding Australian application. The Examiner indicated the whole document as being relevant.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted patent documents, together with a copy of a PTO-1449 Form listing this document, are included for that purpose. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of these documents and to return a copy of the PTO-1449 form to the Applicants together with the next Official Action in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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